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Subject: FYI: Ngo call

See below. This is pretty accurate from my perspective too. They got pretty deep into the numbers. Paul Gallay, Manna Green and Rebecca Troutman had most of the Qs, in about that order of frequency. They struggled for a while to understand how you can get such good mass removal despite what they see as bad capping numbers.

I expect they may want a further meeting to understand the numbers more, and I will discuss that with Judith.

We will see how it plays out today and in coming days.
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 Judith Enck

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From: Judith Enck
Sent: 12/16/2010 10:32 PM EST
To: Richard Windsor; Bob Sussman; Seth Oster; Walter Mugdan; Bonnie Bellow
Subject: Ngo call

We just wrapped up a 1 hour 45 minute call with the 4 major ngo's. They were not happy with 11 percent plus the likely 10 percent unavoidable cap number. Ned Sullivan of Scenic Hudson early on described the plan as terrible and a complete rejection of the goals of the ROD. As we got into Q and A the criticism was less strident. We talked at length about the capping happening after dredging and that getting 95 percent mass removal from designated dredging areas was quite good. I further walked them through the difference in acreage capped under various capping scenarios. They thanked us for our transparency. Manna Green from Clearwater who has always been the most engaged and pushing the hardest for the dredging project seemed the most agreeable. NRD was fairly quiet. I explained why this is best for the river and that our numbers were based on science and why I think this is a good place for all of us to be and our deep desire not to have further delays. I don't think they will embrace the proposal but their critique will be more informed had we not done the call. Walter did a great job with the technical questions. It was mostly polite, and to all a good night. Judith
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